

Article 23

MAINTENANCE OF BENEFITS

Section A. Compensation and Economic Benefits.

As provided in Article 22, Section F of this Agreement, compensation and economic benefits in effect on the effective date of this Agreement, as described in the official Civil Service Compensation Plan in effect on the effective date of this Agreement, which are not provided for or abridged by this Agreement, will continue in effect under conditions upon which they were previously granted, throughout the life of this Agreement unless altered by mutual agreement between the State Employer and the Union through good faith negotiations subject to approval by the Civil Service Commission. Statutorily-required compensation and benefits shall conform to, but are not required to exceed, statutory provisions, unless provided otherwise in this Agreement.

In no event shall State-sponsored group insurance coverages or benefits be reduced for employees in this Unit, during the life of this Agreement, except as mutually agreed between the parties.

Section B. Non-Compensation Conditions.

The Employer agrees that, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, terms and conditions of employment which are deemed to be mandatory subjects of bargaining which are in effect on the effective date of this Agreement will continue in effect throughout the life of this Agreement under the conditions upon which they were previously granted, unless otherwise provided for or abridged by this Agreement, or unless altered through statute or by mutual agreement between the State Employer and the Union through good faith negotiations.

If, in the course of making determinations on matters not deemed to be mandatory subjects of bargaining, such determinations will produce substantial adverse impact upon such conditions of employment, the Employer will negotiate in good faith the modification and remedy of such resulting impact.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted to provide that the Union has waived any of its rights to contest or challenge any statute, in a court of law, which alters or restricts the rights provided in this Agreement.